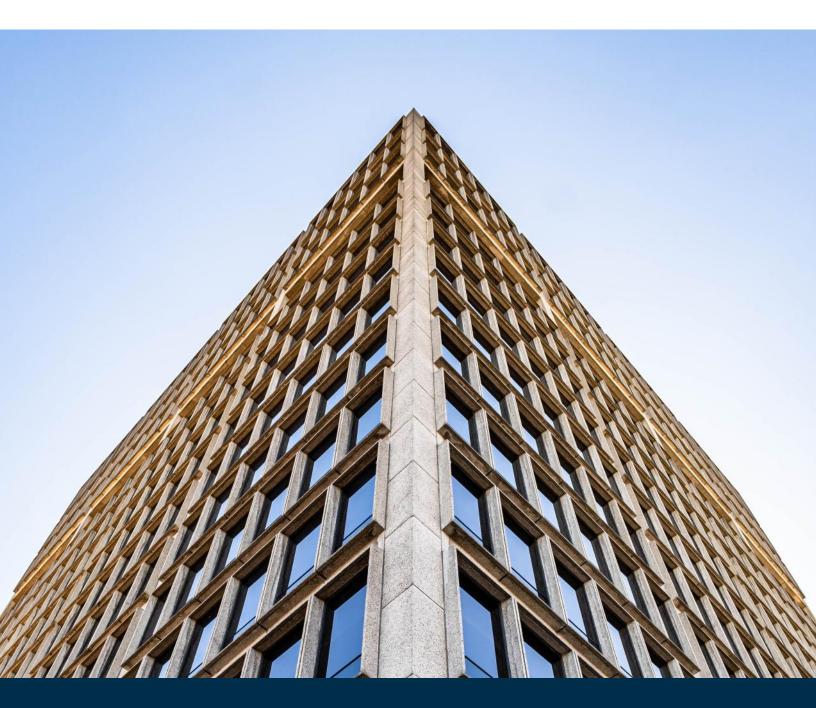
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Mike McKitrick brings a dual background in transactional law and commercial litigation to his work with businesses, institutions, and individuals, offering strategic counsel grounded in decades of experience. He serves as outsourced general counsel to companies of all sizes, and also advises on trust and estate planning.

Known for practical insight and thoughtful problem-solving, Mike builds long-term relationships with clients across a range of industries. He has successfully represented clients in trust litigation, bond financing, and major business acquisitions, and is widely respected for his steady, solution-focused approach. A U.S. Army veteran, Mike models his philosophy of "availability, affability, and ability" in every client relationship.

#### **Education**

**J.D.**, with distinction, 1973 University of Iowa College of Law Iowa Law Review Board of Editors

**B.S.**, with distinction, 1970 Northern Illinois University

#### **Admissions**

Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, U.S. District Court (Eastern & Western Districts of Missouri), U.S. Court of Appeals (Eighth Circuit)

#### **Practice Areas**

Banking & Financial Institutions; Business Advisory; Estate Planning; Real Estate

#### **Associations**

The Missouri Bar; Illinois State Bar Association; Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, former chair; Real Estate and Development Committee of Business Law Section; Estate Planning Council of St. Louis; SLARC: Human Rights Committee, former Professional Advisory Board member



# Trusted Guidance. **TAILORED FOR YOU.**

Few attorneys have had a more lasting influence on our firm than Michael McKitrick. A respected leader in both litigation and transactional work, Mike brings strategic clarity and decades of earned perspective to every client relationship. He is trusted by institutions, business owners, and families alike for the steady, solutions-oriented approach that has come to define his practice. Within the firm, Mike has played a pivotal role in shaping our culture, mentoring our skilled attorneys, and setting a standard for excellence and integrity. His influence is evident in how we collaborate, how we serve clients, and how we think ahead.



"The most meaningful work often begins with listening. When you understand what truly matters to your client, the legal solutions tend to follow."

- Michael J. McKitrick

#### 50+ Years of Legal Expertise

Mike has provided trusted legal counsel to generations of clients, helping build, protect, and transition businesses and estates.

#### Thousands of Legal Matters Represented

From bond financing to trust litigation, Mike has guided clients through complex transactions and disputes with clarity and care.

#### A Legacy of Leadership

Mike has helped define our firm's culture, mentoring attorneys and modeling the professionalism we strive to embody every day.



## Business ADVISORY

Business decisions come with legal implications, whether you're signing a contract, protecting your brand, managing employees, or planning for growth. Proactive legal guidance helps businesses operate with confidence, avoid costly mistakes, and seize new opportunities.

Business advisory services support companies at every stage, from formation to expansion. That includes navigating employment issues, protecting intellectual property, and resolving day-to-day legal concerns before they escalate.

With the right legal partner, you can stay focused on what matters most: running and growing with purpose. We help you make smart, strategic decisions that position your business for long-term success.





#### **Business Structuring**

Helping you select the best legal structure to support your goals and limit your risk.

## Corporate Governance & Compliance

Supporting your business with sound governance practices and up-to-date compliance with state and federal laws.

#### **Contracts & Agreements**

Drafting, reviewing, and negotiating contracts that protect your interests and keep your business relationships running smoothly.

#### **Employment Law Guidance**

Advising on hiring, policies, compliance, and dispute prevention to support a productive and legally sound workplace.

#### **Intellectual Property**

Safeguarding your intellectual property, key personnel, and financial interests with smart, forward-thinking legal strategies.

#### **Succession Planning**

Structuring leadership transitions and exit strategies that protect your business and ensure longterm continuity.

# Estate **PLANNING**

Estate planning isn't just about documents — it's about making intentional choices that shape your legacy and protect the people you love.

Whether you're starting from scratch or updating an existing plan, thoughtful estate planning ensures your wishes are honored, your assets are protected, and your family is supported when it matters most

Planning for your legacy can feel overwhelming, but with experienced guidance, they become opportunities: to care for your family, to preserve what you've built, and to make the process easier for those who come after you.

Trust Danna McKitrick to protect your wishes, ease the burden on your loved ones, and guide you every step of the way.





#### **Estate Planning**

Helping individuals and families protect their assets, plan for the future, and leave behind a meaningful legacy.

#### **Trusts & Wills**

Personalized wills and trusts that reflect your wishes and provide clarity for your loved ones.

## Administration of Trusts & Wills

Guiding families through the legal and financial responsibilities of carrying out a loved one's final wishes.

### Contested Wills, Trusts & Estates

Navigating disputes with care and confidence when questions arise over the validity or fairness of an estate plan.

#### **Powers of Attorney**

Preparing legal tools that authorize trusted individuals to make decisions on your behalf if you're unable to.

#### **Probate**

Assisting families in navigating the probate process, from court filings to final distributions.

# Real ESTATE

Real estate transactions carry enormous financial weight: one misstep can mean delays, disputes, or lost investments.

From commercial development and financing to leasing, zoning, and ownership conflicts, each stage demands strategic legal guidance, insight and proactive problem-solving.

Our attorneys represent investors, developers, lenders, and associations with practical counsel that anticipates challenges and protects what you've built. Whether structuring a complex deal or resolving a heated dispute, we move projects forward with clarity, efficiency, and purpose.

Your property is more than a transaction. We're here to help you protect it at every turn.





#### **Transactions & Closings**

Guiding property acquisitions, sales, leases, and financing with focused, start-to-finish legal support.

#### **Real Estate Litigation**

Resolving title, boundary, contract, and lease disputes through negotiation, litigation, or arbitration.

#### **Development & Zoning**

Helping clients navigate land use laws, zoning approvals, and regulatory compliance to move projects forward.

#### Section 1031 Exchanges

Structuring tax-deferred exchanges that align with business goals and maximize reinvestment opportunities.

#### **Community Associations**

Advising condominium and homeowner associations on governance, enforcement, and fiduciary responsibilities.

#### Tax Appeals & Assessments

Challenging unfair property tax valuations to ensure accurate assessments and protect financial interests.

# About **DANNA MCKITRICK**

Since our founding, we've built a reputation for delivering strategic, comprehensive legal counsel across a wide range of practice areas. Our attorneys combine deep experience with forward-thinking insight to support businesses, individuals, and organizations navigating today's complex legal environment.

We bring the depth of a larger law firm with the responsiveness and personal attention that set us apart. Clients trust us to offer not just legal answers, but sound strategies, practical solutions, and steady guidance in highstakes moments.

For more than 25 years, we've helped clients meet challenges, seize opportunities, and protect what matters most.





We're trusted across industries for legal insights that protect, defend, and empower. Our full list of practice areas includes:

#### **Business & Corporate Law**

- Banks & Financial Institutions
- Bankruptcy & Creditors' Rights
- Business Advisory
- · Cybersecurity & Data Protection
- · Employment Law
- Franchise Law
- Health Care Law
- Insurance Law
- Intellectual Property
- Real Estate
- Tax & Accounting
- Workers' Compensation

#### Life & Legacy Planning

- Education Law
- Estate Planning
- Guardianships & Conservatorships
- Probate

#### Litigation & Dispute Resolution

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Litigation
- Professional Liability Defense
- Public Pensions & Government Litigation

# Trusted Advisors. Tailored Solutions. **Exceptional Results.**





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